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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 29, lines 16-18, as follows:

At Step 413, each valley's rounding cost is determined as a function of the rounding costs of the points within the valley as determined previously in Step 409. ~~{For example, --.??}~~